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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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The submission of the attached English language abstracts along with Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 10-156229, 60-261566 and 63-212469 constitute concise statements of relevance of the respective references. Also, the Japanese document "JSME Mechanical Engineer's Handbook" is disclosed on page 4 in the specification for the above-identified application. Reference is made to page 58, section 9.2.2 in the latter publication.

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